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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Digest Committee	G. L. Keen
Missions	P. S. Rogers
Woman's Work	Mrs. H. L. Rhodes
Christian Education	J. J. Carter
Ministerial Relief	J. M. Smith
Temperance	S. A. Fant
Hospitals	J. N. Franks
Sunday Schools	H. L. Rhodes
Orphanage	C. A. Franks

OUR DEAD.

Ackerman—John Adams and J. W. Carter.

Beulah—Walter Bates and Geo. McCullough.

Bluff Springs—W. J. Williams.

Chester—Mary E. Foster and Mary E. Bruce.

Double Springs—Mollie Fulghum, Robt. Fulghum and Abraham McMinn.

Ebenezer—Sally Neely.

Fellowship—Elma Humphries.

Fentress—Vessie McHan and Neva Smith.

Mathiston—Mrs. Connie Brock.

Mt. Moriah—T. J. Whitmore.

Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. Liz Dobbs and Elmer Humphries.

Mt. Olivet—Bettie McKee and Vester Skelton.

New Zion—John Higgins, Clyde Keen and May Ella Pollard.

Pleasant Ridge—Funderkurk, M. C. Crosland.

Providence—Martha Reed and Alice Mills.

Self Creek—Sarah James, J. L. Ricks and Carlton Waldrup.

Wake Forest—Jimmie Walker and Mary Ray.

Wier—Mrs. Mollie Lever.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

P. S. Rogers—Ackerman.
J. L. Smith—Tom Nolen.
W. J. Dobbs—Mathiston.
W. L. Watkins—Maben.
T. J. Smith—Mathiston.
C. H. Dobbs—Mathiston.
C. Hutchinson—Sturgis.
M. Whitten—Wier.
H. D. Watson—Wier.

Minutes of The Chester Association

The Association met in its twenty-eighth session with Mt. Moriah Baptist church on Friday, October 1, 1920. Bro. H. M. Whitten, the Moderator, called the body to order. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. D. Ray. On motion the organization was perfected by the election of the former officers: Bro. H. M. Whitten, Moderator; Bro. G. D. Weatherall, Clerk. Churches represented as follows:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Ackerman—P. S. Rogers, J. A. Montgomery and H. L. Rhodes.

Arbor Springs—Not represented.

Bethany—Not represented.

Bethlehem—Joe Barron, M. F. Bagwell and wife.

Beulah—E. T. Black, W. M. Black and W. D. Thompson.

Blythe Creek—Not represented.

Bluff Springs—T. J. Brown.

Center Grove—Not represented.

Chester—W. L. Edwards and Mrs. W. L. Edwards.

Clear Springs—J. A. Coleman, R. H. Gregg and W. L. Jenkins.

Crape Creek—R. W. Box.

Cypress—Not represented.

Double Springs—J. L. Neely.

Ebenezer—R. W. Bramlet.

Fellowship—D. L. Humphries and J. W. Franklin.

Fentress—W. D. Wells and Henry Prewitt.

French Camp—J. H. Veasy, A. L. Rainwater and J. A. Wilson.

Long Branch—Not represented.

Longview—T. G. Sanders and Miss Myrtle Sanders.

Mathiston—T. J. Smith and wife.

McCurtain Creek—Not represented.

Mt. Moriah—J. J. Rabun, Sam Prewitt and J. E. Worrell.

Mt. Olive—T. J. McKee, Mrs. Sallie Sikes and Miss Hossie Cotton.

Mt. Pisgah—J. E. Booth.

New Haven—G. W. Daves.

New Hope—Not represented.

New Zion—C. A. Franks, J. T. Weatherall and Mrs. M. E. Keene.

Pleasant Ridge—O. C. Moore, W. N. Taylor and C. C. Sikes.

Providence—W. L. Mills, W. R. McPherson.

Pine Grove—Not represented.

Self Creek—F. O. Oswalt, F. D. Neely and W. M. Hammond.

Spring Hill—R. C. Weeks.

Sturgis—F. M. Adams and wife, Miss Lucretia Brown.

Wake Forest—E. York, D. M. Berry and wife.

Wier—J. N. Franks, J. H. Ward, H. M. Whitten.

Wood Spring—Joe Collier and wife.

Visiting brethren and representatives of various interests were introduced as follows: Columbus Association, Rev. J. D. Ray; Kosciusko Association, J. P. Johnson; Woman's Work, Miss Birdie Clark; Baptist Hospital, Rev. M. K. Thornton. Returned correspondents as follows: Louisville Association, Rev. H. M. Whitten and Rev. P. S. Rogers; Kosciusko, Rev. H. M. Whitten; Columbus, Rev. T. J. Smith, W. M. Hammond, J. W. Franklin. Delegates to the State Convention: T. J. Smith, P. S. Rogers, H. M. Whitten, O. C. Moore, G. D. Weatherall and D. L. Humphries. The Moderator appointed the following brethren as a finance committee: C. A. Franks, J. T. Weatherall and W. M. Black. Bro. N. A. Adams was appointed chairman of committee on enrollment. The Pastor and Deacons of this church with N. A. Adams and W. M. Hammond as committee on devotional exercises.

After song and prayer Rev. P. S. Rogers preached the introductory sermon, from Luke 10:2.

The Moderator appointed N. A. Adams, W. M. Hammond and D. L. Humphries as committee on Nominations. The Association then adjourned until 2:00 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon Session.

Association called to order and Bro. H. L. Rhodes conducted the devotional exercises. The report on Hospitals was read in the absence of Dr. Holloway by H. L. Rhodes. After discussion by M. K. Thornton, J. D. Ray, W. M. Hammond, J. P. Johnson and P. S. Rogers the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital at Jackson is filling a long-felt want among our people. Rev. M. K. Thornton is the Supterintendent and there are about twenty young ladies in training as student nurses. Special attention is given to the religious side of life, both among the patients and the employees.

Since January 1, there have been more than six hundred patients treated, about seventy-five of whom were charity. Only six of the entire number have died. The charity patients get the same treatment as pay patients.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis is in a very prosperous condition. It is now backed by money and pledges of almost a million and a half dollars. During the past year the Hospital has been re-organized and is now regulated in accordance with the rules and standards of the best Hospitals in the country..

During the year 7858 patients were admitted, 1248 of whom were treated free of charge. There will soon be room for 450 beds and for about 175 pupils who desire to take training to be nurses.

Both these Hospitals belong to the Baptists. Therefore, let every one meet promptly his obligations to the 75-million fund, and remember to pray for the institution.

DR. T. M. HOLLOWAY.

Report on Publications was read by J. H. D. Watson and discussed by H. L. Rhodes, P. S. Rogers, S. M. Fant, J. P. Johnson, H. M. Whitten and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The measure of your life is your contact with God and with the world in which you live. The agency which brings this contact is the printed page. By it the whole world is brought to your door.

To the Christian the real world is that of Spiritual Interests and Activities. The measure of the Christian's life is his knowledge of it and contact with it. The best means of enlarging his contact with it is the Christian Press. It brings the throbbing pulse of a world's needs within easy reach of every man.

A Christian must read the best books, papers and journals that can be had. Every Christian home should be supplied with the best books and papers the world affords and every member of the family should have his own Bible.

God is revealed in the Bible; so we cannot know God without the open Bible. We recommend that every Baptist take the Baptist Record and also the Home and Foreign Fields.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. D. WATSON.

The report on Christian Education was read and discussed by P. S. Rogers and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

An educated person is fitted to fulfill a larger place in the world than an uneducated person can. The state is trying to educate its citizens for good citizenship. But the Christian school is preparing the youth of the land who attend it for good Christian citizenship. The right kind of education embraces four things: Body, mind, social nature and heart. In America no school but a Christian school attempts this kind of education.

Southern Baptists have created an Education Board, located at Birmingham, Ala. About $20,000,000 of the 75-Million Campaign is to be appropriated to Baptist schools in the South. The Education Board will give all possible help to our Baptist schools and to young people seeking a good school. Mississippi Baptists own and operate four schools: Clarke Memorial College at Newton; Woman's College at Hattiesburg; Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain; and Mississippi at Clinton. More than 1,300 young men and women are attending these schools. If these schools had had adequate accommodations, doubtless 400 more young people would be attending them now.

The property of these schools is valued at more than $1,100,000. They need at least another million dollars now. We must supply them with two very important things, namely, students and money. From our Baptist schools most of our Christian workers must come. They never have come from secular schools, and doubtless many workers never will. From our Christian schools nearly all our ministers, missionaries and Christian teachers come.

Last year 114 ministerial students attended Clarke Memorial College and Mississippi College. Those needing financial help were aided. Provision is made for married students. Now the young married preacher and his wife can attend school. But it takes money to pay their way. The Board of Ministerial Education is in debt. The churches must help meet these bills.

Let us thank God that more ministerial students are attending our college than ever before, and show our appreciation by providing the way for these young men to continue in school until they are thoroughly prepared.

It is recommended: 1. That we pray earnestly and often for our Baptist schools. 2. That we contribute to their support as freely as possible. 3. That we send our children to them. 4. That we induce other young people to attend them. PATRICK S. ROGERS.

The report on Woman's Work was presented by Mrs. H. L. Rhodes. Discussed by J. L. Smith and J. P. Johnson. A plea was made for aiding two girls each in Blue Mountain College and the Woman's College at Hattiesburg. Ten dollars had been pledged. In a few moments $22.60 was raised. The Association then adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work begs to submit the following:

There has been no year in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union like unto this year. God's smile of approval upon the plans and purposes of His hand-maidens to carry out their part of the work that pertains to the advancement of His Kingdom, has been most evident.

There has never been a year like unto this year, in which the women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the expression of their desire for information. Mission study classes have been organized in more than three-fourths of the societies. Certificates and seals have been granted to approximately 800 women, 500 young women, 50 boys and girls and 14 Sunbeams. It is recommended that this fiscal year which ends May 1st, we attempt to have an average of ten members in a mission study class in each organization in the state.

Our women have shown their interest in the advancement of His Kingdom by the number of organizations for our young people. At the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington, Mississippi was given two banners, for having made the greatest per cent. increase during the year in the number of Sunbeam Bands and Girl's Auxilliaries. No society can now attain the Standard of Excellence that has not at least one of the Auxilliaries. Hence it is urged—not for this reason but rather because of the great need of our young people receiving mission information—it is urged that each church foster the Auxilliaries.

The 75-Million Campaign has perhaps meant more to the Woman's Missionary Union than any other plan of work that has ever been attempted. Women have realized as never before their duty as stewards and that their greatest stewardship is rendered by service. However the fulfillment of all pledges is the ideal of every Baptist woman's heart. And each organization feels constrained to urge the fulfillment of not only the pledges of the women and children, but of the entire church.

Among the phases of Personal Service that are undertaken this year are, first, the sending of four girls to our colleges for the purpose of preparing them to enter the Training School later and then to take up mission work. Second, the preparation of hospital supplies in the shape of bandages, towels, garments, etc., to be sent to a hospital in China and Jackson. It is recommended that all pastors and brethren everywhere help those women in the Lord, who serve under and with them, in carrying out these two projects.

More and more it is realized that family religion is a crying need of the day, therefore societies everywhere are urged to make a special effort to secure the erection of as many family alters as possible. Again the brethren are urged to co-operate with the women in the homes and in the churches in this work.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. L. RHODES.
Associational Supt. of W. M. U.

SATURDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Bro. J. J. Carter conducted the devotional exercises. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, was welcomed as was Bro. Atley Booth of Newton College.

The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Brother S. M. Arant and discussed by Dr. Lawrence, P. S. Rogers, W. L. Mills, H. L. Rhodes and J. J. Carter and adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee on Ministerial Relief begs to submit the following:

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer and financial support. The same is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and His cause in the midst of greatest sacrifices in laying the foundation for the work of Christ in this state, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years. Other Christian Organizations are far ahead of us in this department of work and in the discharge of this Christian obligation. Even railroads and some other business and worldly institutions care for their old and faithful employees. We should not only strive to emulate these, but we should furnish our old heroes of the faith, the support they so richly deserve.

The new Relief and Annuity Board of the S. B. Convention, which is located at Dallas, Texas, has taken over the work formerly done in our State, and is succeeding well. The stipends paid the Mississippi beneficiaries have been increased 45 per cent. since the Relief and Annuity Board took over the work. The beneficiaries are now being paid bi-monthly as formerly, and are receiving from $12 to $18 per month.

This Board, beside providing a Relief Fund, has established also an Annuity Fund. This Fund embodies a contributory pension idea, which permits ministers, by making regular annual, semi-annual or quarterly payments, to provide in part for their own day and disability. For the minister who has become disabled, at any time after becoming a member of the fund, the plan provides a disability annuity benefit. It is well worth while for all our brethren in the ministry to investigate this Annuity Fund, and see if it will not be of wisdom on their part to thus look after the future of his own household.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. FANT.

The Moderator was called away to attend the funeral of the son of Bro. Charley Prewitt and Bro. H. L. Rhodes acted as Moderator. Special prayer was offered, led by

Bro. J. J. Carter for the bereaved family.

The report on Missions was read and discussed by J. J. Carter. Dr. Lawrence also spoke to the report.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The 75-Million Campaign has very materially changed and enlarged the Mission work in all departments in which Southern Baptist are engaged. Thus making it possible, if the subscribers to the $92,630,923 actually paid and pledged, are prompt in the payment of their individual pledges, thus enabling our State Home and Foreign Mission Boards to meet the demands for preaching the gospel of salvation in many places of great need, where heretofore they have not been in a financial condition to meet demands made upon them, but now with a pledged income of $150,000 per year for State Missions, we should reasonably expect Mississippi Baptists to enlarge their work and proclaim the Apostolic teachings of God's word as never before within the history of the state.

So too, with the greatly increased resources of the Home Mission Board, working forces can be increased, weak churches aided, new fields occupied, and the day hastened, when the gospel of salvation in its purity may be heard in all territory under the jurisdiction of our Home Mission Board.

Foreign Missions.

Never, within the history of the world, has conditions been so favorable and needs so great for true Bible teachings and acceptance of the Christian faith in foreign and non-Christian countries, as at the present time and it should be a source of pride and joy to every contributor to the 75-Million campaign to know that twenty milllion dollars of this fund is to be used to carry the Light of the World, (a knowledge of the crucified Christ) to the dark corners thereof.

It is well to note that better business methods are being adopted in all departments of our church work, and for the first time in its history, has it gone before the churches with a well thought-out program of its needs and purposes, thus giving the churches and individual givers information relative to expenditures and work accomplished through the agency of our State Home and Foreign Mission Boards and other institutions and enterprises fostered by the Baptist church, all of which are missionary to a very great extent.

Budgeting the 75 million we find:

Foreign Missions	$20,000,000
Home Missions	$12,000,000
State Missions	$11,000,000
Christian Education	$20,000,000
Hospitals	$ 4,875,000
Orphanages	$ 4,586,000
Ministerial Relief	$ 2,500,000

All of these objects come in ther and are essential to a well developed and prosperous Mission work, and no church can truly fill its mission and comply fully with the teachings of God's word that does not in some degree recognize Missions as essential to the highest type of Christian development.

We regret to report that the records show that about one-half of the enrolled membership of our churches have not contributed or pledged anything to the support of the future work of our Mission enterprises, and recommend that earnest efforts be made by pastors and church officials to influence every church member to give something for the advancement of Christian citizenship in State, Home or Foreign fields. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CARTER, Com.

The Association then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order and Bro. T. J. Smith conducted the devotional service. Bro. Atley Booth spoke in the interest of Clarke Memorial College. Bro. S. M. Fant made the report of his visit as a delegate from the Association to the Southern Baptist Convention. A collection was taken to defray balance on his expense account.

REPORT OF MESSENGER TO S. B. C.

Your messenger begs leave to report the following:

I thank the good people of this Association for the honor preferred upon myself as messenger to the greatest Convention of sixty-five sessions. I shall never forget what it was worth religiously to myself.

Expenses to S. B. C. were:

Railroad Fare	$40.79

Hotel Fare and Meals at Cafes		$26.49
Amount received from Association	$42.28	
Amount borrowed	$25.00	
Total Amount		$67.28

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. FANT.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. H. L. Rhodes and after discussion was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the finances of the churches are now provided for in the 75-million fund, and the 75-million campaign was organized and is operated on the County basis, and whereas, the State Convention Board, through its organizer has recommended that the various Associations reorganize on the County basis, and whereas, the large Associations which have been held this year have dissolved and re-organized on the County basis and the Associations to be held will doubtless do likewise.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by us that effective with our final adjournment tomorrow this, the Chester Association be dissolved, and the Choctaw County Association be organized immediately after the adjournment of this Association.

H. L. RHODES.

The report of the Orphanage was read by Bro. J. Miley Smith and after discussion by Bro. P. S. Rogers, W. M. Hammond and J. J. Carter was adopted.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

For twenty years or more the Baptists of Mississippi have maintained and operated a home for helpless orphan children, believing this to be a Christian duty.

From the blessed results of the twenty years work, we are convinced that the Orphanage work is a work well pleasing unto Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained up into usefulness since the establishment of our home. Many have gone out into the world for themselves and are filling useful positions and are proving themselves good citizens and good home makers. We commend this work most heartily to the people of our churches and recommend that since the Orphanage is provided for in a financial way by the $75,000,000 movement that the people of our churches and Sunday schools in this association shall see to it that boxes of clothing and barrels and bags of produce of all kinds, together with canned fruit, corn, peas and molasses be sent in abundance.

I am informed by the Superintendent that they are shorter of clothing and canned goods of all kinds this year than they have been in many years, and that they are buying molasses now for the first time in ten years.

Let us remember the orphan children liberally out of the things that the Lord has permitted to us. We learn that the health of the children has been good during the year, they have just passed thrhough an edidemic of small pox, but by intelligent care and good judgment, only about sixteen out of one hundred and sixty children had the small pox, they are all well and sound, leaving not even the marks of the disease upon them.

Let each church in this association prepare and ship to Rev. J. R. Carter, a box containing all the things that our orphan children will need that we can spare and in our daily devotion let us remember the children and the management.

The report on Systematic Giving was discussed by Bro. T. J. Smith and adopted.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

The large per cent of our people who have but little or no part in the giving, is evidence of the fact that they are yet blind to God's instructions along this line.

No individual who will recognize God's teachings as to our giving will any longer be found indifferent to Systematic Giving. Then the question, why is so much said about Systematic Giving? The first reason alone is sufficient. God commands it. A few at least, have learned that it pays to obey God even in giving. God is reasonable; He only requires a reasonable portion of our service, and a reasonable portion of our means. He only requires that we begin on the first day of the week and lay aside for His cause according to the way he prospers us. Those who have real faith in God and gives one-tenth of their income have learned that God can make nine-tenths go further than they can make the ten-tenths go, and have been happy in their giving. We can all understand how it pays to put system in our farming, merchandizing, banking, and all other business, and yet we ignore it in our religious life.

If God emphatically requires us to do a thing, if God's people here and there have been happy in obeying, and humanity has been blessed by their obedience, will we remain in our selfishness and disobedience seeing humanity suffer, yet claiming to have the love of God in our hearts, and with tears crying unto God, desiring to know more about His will with us?

We recommend that if it pays to remain indifferent to giving systematically, well and good, but if, on the other hand, if pays to obey God and be guided by His hand, we urge that you turn from your selfish way to God's way.

Respectfully, T. J. SMITH.

The Devotional Committee requested Bro. T. J. Smith to preach Sunday but he was unable to be present and so the Report on Sunday Schools was made the special order at 11:00 o'clock Sunday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mission Fund, 1919.

Rec'd from Finance Committee	$32.54	
Paid J. B. Lawrence		$32.54

Minute Fund.

Rec'd from Finance Committee	$75.36	
Rec'd from Bethany Church	$ 1.20	
Rec'd from Fentress Church	$ 1.10	
Paid Express on Minutes		$ 1.17
Paid Postage on Minutes		$ 1.80
Paid for Minutes		$49.00
Paid Postage on Blank Letters		$ .29
Paid Amount Allowed Clerk		$15.00
Cash on Hand		$10.40
Total	$77.66	$77.66

Fund for Delegate to S. B. Convention.

Balance on Hand	$ 1.50
Rec'd from Finance Committee	$10.04

Rec'd from J. H. D. Watson		$ 8.62
Rec'd from Fentress Church		$ 1.00
Rec'd from Providence Church		$ 3.00
Rec'd from Wake Forest Church		$ 2.55
Rec'd from Mt. Pisgah Church		$ 2.35
Rec'd from New Haven Church		$ 3.15
Rec'd from Delia Archibold		$ 3.00
Rec'd from Clear Springs Church		$ 3.00
Rec'd from Bluff Springs Church		$ 2.07
Rec'd from New Zion Church		$ 2.00
Paid S. M. Fant, Delegate S. B. C.	$67.28	
Rec'd from French Camp Church		$ 3.00
Rec'd from Spring Hill Church		$ .65
Rec'd from Mt. Olivet Church		$ 2.00
Rec'd from Mt. Moriah Church		$ 1.60
Rec'd from Ackerman Church		$ 3.00
Rec'd from Beulah Church		$ 4.00
Rec'd from Wier Church		$ 2.00
Rec'd from H. M. Whitten		$25.00
Paid H. M. Whitten	$16.25	
	$83.53	$83.53

G. D. WEATHERALL, Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We received the following amounts:

For Minutes, etc	$78.64
Associational Work	8.45
State Missions	5.00
Orphanage	2.00
Delegate S. B. C.	1.00
Collection for Associational Purposes	10.53
Total	$105.62

The clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and it was ordered that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

The Association adjourned until Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING'S SESSION.

The Association met and Bro. H. L. Rhodes conducted the devotional exercises. On account of the crowds, a service was arranged for the overflow in the grove. Bro. P.

S. Rogers preached.

The Sunday School report was discussed by J. T. Wilson, H. L. Rhodes, J. J. Carter, G. D. Weatherall and Atley Booth and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The supreme task of the Sunday School is to teach the Word of God. When the "Word" is rightly taught the result will be two-fold: The lost will be brought to know the Saviour, and the saved will be taught how to serve, which is the supreme task in the Christian life. (Eph. 2-10.)

As a means to this end, several things needs to be considered:

1. **Organization**— Organization is very vital. No school can do its best work until it is well organized, with wide-awake, aggressive officers. The church should see to it that the school is put on the road to success by electing officers who will give time and study to the school.

2. **Trained Teachers**—The task set for the school is to teach. We cannot teach what we do not know, therefore it is absolutely necessary to have teachers who are trained. Each church must face this question. The last command is to make disciples and then teach. It is an obligation that no church should treat lightly.

Each church should arrange for annual training schools and then send officers and teachers to the Sunday School County Normals held each year by our State Mission Board and Sunday School Board under the direction of the Sunday School Secretary; and send workers to our Sunday School Convention and Summer Assemblies.

3. **Enlistment**—We should feel our responsibility to all the people in our community and undertake, in a serious way, to bring them into our school.

4. **Reports**—We should see to it that our schools are correctly reported in the letter to the Association, giving full enrollment officers and statistics asked for in the letter form.

We want to urge the clerks of the Associations to get a full report from every church, if they can possibly do so, before the minutes are printed. Then have a table printed in the minutes specially for Sunday School statistics, tabulating the statistics given in the Associational letters. By all means give names and addresses of the Superintendent and Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WILSON.

A resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be tendered to Mt. Moriah church and the good people of this community for the hospitality and many courtesies extended to us during our stay among them.

H. L. RHODES.

The Association then adjourned.

H. M. WHITTEN, Moderator,
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk.

At the close of the above session of the Chester Association, the delegates from the churches located in Choctaw County met for the purpose of organizing the Choctaw County Baptist Association.

The churches in the county that had representatives were recognized. Bro. H. M. Whitten was elected Moderator; G. D. Weatherall, clerk.

The Moderator was instructed by motion to appoint committee on Time, Place, Program, etc., for the Choctaw County Sunday School Association. He appointed P. S. Rogers, H. L. Rhodes and G. D. Weatherall. Bro. H. M. Whitten was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. H. D. Watson, alternate. Delegate to S. B. Convention, C. A. Franks, H. L. Rhodes, alternate, president W. M. U., Mrs. H. L. Rhodes.

Executive Committee, J. W. Franklin, C. A. Franks and W. S. Edwards; Member State Board, G. D. Weatherall; Next Place of Meeting, Ackerman; P. S. Rogers, H. L. Rhodes, Program Committee; G. A. Eddleman and G. D. Weatherall appointed to prepare and present Constitution and By-Laws for the Choctaw County Association. The Moderator was added to the Committee.

On motion the proceedings of the Choctaw County Association were ordered printed in the minutes of the Chester Association.

The Choctaw County Association then adjourned to meet at Ackerman on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1921.

H. M. WHITTEN, Moderator,
G. D. WEATHERALL, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerks	Postoffice	Increase				Decrease							
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	TOTAL	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	TOTAL	Total Membership	No. Non-Resident Members	No. Active Members	No. Taking Baptist Record
Ackerman	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	Mrs. L. C. Rhodes	Ackerman	3	16		19	15	1	2	18	157	21	136	
Arbor Springs													31			
Bethany													80			
Bethlehem			P. M. Snow	Ackerman	2	1	4	7	4	2		6	88			
Beulah	I. M. Whitten	Weir	W. M. Black	McCool	5	1		6	9			11	126	11	115	20
Blythe Creek			H. P. Livingston	Mathiston		2		2	9			9	123	83	40	
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	Alsie Jones	Eupora	14	1		15	2			2	141	67	74	
Center Grove	W. L. Watkins	Maben	I. W. Douglas	Maben	6			6	1			1	131	27	104	2
Chester	O. C. Cooper	Eupora	M. L. Beck	Chester	2	1		3			2	2	79	14	65	
Clear Springs	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	C. E. Maxwell	Chester					4			4	128	55	69	2
Grape Creek	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	C. E. Erwin	Stewart					1			1	71			
Cypress													40			
Double Springs	J. T. Carroll	Reform	I. H. Vaughan	Sturgis	3	1		4	6		4	10	189	36	150	
Ebenezer	J. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	Jack Pearson	Stewart		2		2			1	1	34	11	23	3
Fellowship	W. B. Fenly	Eupora	T. M. Jones	Mathiston	10	8	1	19	13		1	14	175	46	129	2
Fentress	H. M. Whitten	Weir	H. W. Blain	Ackerman	3	1		4	9	1	2	12	83	12	71	1
French Camp	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	C. W. Witson	French Camp	9		1	10	1			1	86	19	67	7
Long Branch	W. L. Watkins	Maben	J. A. Watkins	Maben									50	20	30	2
Long View	J. H. Street	Newton	C. R. Sanders	Long View	2	6		8	2	2	1	5	120	17	103	
Mathiston	R. L. Breland	Philadelphia	G. W. Dudley	Mathiston		12		8			1	9	153			
McCurtain's Cr.																
Mt. Moriah	P. S. Rogers	Ackerman	T. H. Howard	Weir	7	3		10	8		1	9	142	34	108	
Mt. Olivet	T. J. Smith	Mathiston	J. T. McKee	Sturgis	1	1		2	1		2	3	53	26	27	8
Mt. Pisgah	V. E. Finley	Eupora	W. M. Bowles	Ackerman	7	10		17	1		2	3	85	-		
New Haven	I. H. D. Watson	Weir	T. A. Chamblee	Weir	14	2	1	17					220	73	147	
New Hope	W. L. Watkins	Maben	V. W. Carpenter	Long View	1			1					41			5
New Zion	H. M. Whitten	Weir	I. F. Keen	Ackerman	4			4	4	2	3	9	154	36	118	10
Pleasant Ridge	I. G. Cook	Newton	T. E. Sikes	Long View	18	2	8	23	9		2	11	187	76	111	14
Providence	I. H. D. Watson	Weir	T. W. Lollar	Weir	11	1	1	13		1	2	3	111	29	82	5
Pine Grove													16			
Self Creek	I. D. Ray	Starkville	G. C. Josey	Starkville	16	12		28	17		3	20	164	28	136	7
Spring Hill	I. A. Hailey												129			
Sturgis	I. A. Hailey	Union	H. L. Carter	Sturgis	3				7			7	125			
Wake Forest	I. T. Smith	Mathiston	Mrs. R. E. Hannah	Sturgis	4	12		4	4		2	6	91	10	81	2
Weir	I. M. Whitten	Weir	S. M. King	Weir	16	23		39	7	1	1	9	98	31	67	16
Wood Springs	I. L. Smith	Tom Nolen	J. M. Woods	Tom Nolen	7			7	3			3	80	38	42	5
					163	106	16	185	145	10	34	189	3849	820	2098	111

FINANCIAL TABLE

	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Minister	Building and Repairs	S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U.	Local Poor	Minutes and Association Work	Incidentals	All other objects	Total Local Expenses	$75,000,000 Budget	All other State Objects	Grand Total
Ackerman	$ 795.00			$100.00	$ 27.50	$ 3.00	$ 50.00	$ 606.85	$1582.35	$1008.75	$138.25	$ 2729.35
Arbor Springs												
Bethany												
Bethlehem						$ 1.15			$ 1.15			$ 1.15
Beulah		$ 75.00				$ 1.25	$ 6.00		$ 82.25			$ 82.25
Blythe Creek	$ 240.00	$ 50.65		$ 13.37	$ 35.00	$ 3.50		$ 23.10	$ 365.62	$ 540.75	$ 76.00	$ 982.37
Bluff Springs	**$ 65.00**	**$ 31.00**				$ 1.70	$ .85		$ 98.55	$ 26.00		$ 124.55
Center Grove	$ 50.00	$ 125.00				$ 2.25	$ 15.00	$ 91.50	$ 283.75			$ 283.75
Chester	$ 75.00					$ 1.80			$ 76.80			$ 76.80
Clear Springs	$ 32.00					$ 2.05			$ 34.05	$ 131.80		$ 165.85
Crane Creek	$ 25.00					$ 1.00		$ 7.65	$ 33.65		$ 7.00	$ 40.65
Cypress												
Double Springs	$ 104.00					$ 2.50			$ 106.50			$ 106.50
Ebenezer	$ 32.00					$ 2.15			$ 34.15		$ 7.00	$ 41.15
Fellowship	$ 38.00		$ 81.57			$ 3.10			$ 122.67	$ 210.05	$ 16.55	$ 349.27
Fentress	$ 70.00	$ 37.00			$ 30.00	$ 2.00		$ 1.00	$ 140.00	$ 164.00		$ 304.00
French Camp	$ 250.00	$ 121.00		$ 13.00		$ 2.00		$ 18.00	$ 404.00	$ 356.50		$ 760.50
Long Branch	$ 50.00	$ 8.25							$ 58.25	$ 13.90		$ 72.15
Long View	$ 400.00	$ 52.45	$ 16.00	$ 41.75		$ 5.00	$ 11.00	$ 9.00	$ 535.20	$ 196.25		$ 731.45
Mathiston	$ 350.00		$140.00			$ 4.29		$ 60.00	$ 554.29	$ 521.50		$ 1075.79
McCurtain's Creek						$ 2.10			$ 2.10			$ 2.10
Mt. Moriah	$ 125.00	$ 29.00	$ 10.00	$ 5.62	$ 10.00	$ 3.56		$ 159.28	$ 342.46	$ 164.00		$ 506.46
Mt. Olivet	$ 50.00	$ 61.66			$ 12.20	$ 2.00			$ 125.86	$ 236.35		$ 362.21
Mt. Pisgah	**$ 32.00**					$ 1.50			$ 33.50	$ 83.00		$ 116.50
New Haven	$ 52.00	$ 83.00				$ 3.00			$ 138.00	$ 101.20		$ 239.20
New Hope	$ 48.00	$ 14.65	$ 30.95	$ 5.25		$ 3.52			$ 102.37	$ 124.75		$ 227.12
New Zion	$ 80.00			$ 7.00		$ 2.07			$ 89.07	$ 420.00		$ 509.07
Pleasant Ridge	$ 120.00	$ 68.59		$ 11.68		$ 5.35	$ 41.52		$ 247.14	$ 106.60	$ 1.50	$ 355.24
Providence	$ 79.00	$ 30.25		$ 11.75		$ 2.00		$ 3.00	$ 126.00	$ 182.95		$ 308.95
Pine Grove												
Self Creek	$ 150.00	$ 78.00		$ 20.29		$ 6.00	$ 4.78	$ 19.98	$ 279.75	$ 518.16	$ 41.00	$ 838.91
Spring Hill						$ 2.75			$ 2.75			$ 2.75
Sturgis	$ 240.00	$ 125.00				$ 5.00		$ 24.00	$ 394.00	$ 455.00		$ 849.00
Wake Forest	$ 51.00	$ 38.00				$ 3.00	$ 9.50	$ 2.50	$ 104.00	$ 51.00		$ 155.00
Weir	$ 650.00	$ 75.00		$ 34.25		$ 3.00	$ 9.33	$ 12.00	$ 783.58	$1650.00		$ 2433.58
Wood Springs	$ 45.00	$ 6.63				$ 1.50			$ 53.13	$ 60.40		$ 113.53
Jim Shearly						$ 2.00			$ 2.00			2.00
	$4298.00	$1110.13	$278.52	$264.66	$114.70	$87.00	$147.98	$1037.86	$7338.94	$7322.91	$287.30	$14949.15

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Names of Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils	Total Enrollment	Is School Graded ?	Does School Use Bap. Literature?	No. Officers and Teachers Holding Normal Diplomas	No. Baptisms from School	Names of Superintendents	Address
Ackerman	10	150	160	Yes	Yes	3	3	W. F. Burney	Ackerman
Beulah	6	63	69	No	Yes	0	5	W. A. Whitten	McCool
Chester	6	54	60	No	Yes	0	0	M. L. Buck	Chester
Clear Springs	5	40	45	No	Yes	0		Geo. Snell	Chester
Ebenezer	5	45	50	No	Yes	0		J. W. McWhorter	Stewart
Fellowship	5	45	50	No	Yes	0	2	D. L. Humphries	Mathiston
Fentress	4	31	35	No	No	0		J. H. Prewitt	Weir
French Camp	5	30	35	Yes	Yes	1		C. W. Taylor	French Camp
Long View	8	45	71	No	Yes	1	2	W. E. Martin	Long View
Mathiston	8	50	75		Yes			L. H. Hester	Mathiston
Mt. Moriah	6	40	56		Yes			J. E. Worrell	Weir
Mt. Olivet	6	20	30		Yes			J. T. McKee	Sturgis
Mt. Pisgah	6	40	65		Yes	2	7	Edley Booth	Mathiston
New Hope	6	20	34		Yes			C. F. Kendrick	Long View
New Zion	4	25	34		Yes	3	4	Charlie Franks	Weir
Pleasant Ridge	7	87	87		Yes		8	D. A. Kornegay	Sturgis
Providence	10	35	50		Yes	2	1	D. S. McPhearson	Weir
Self Creek	11	40	78		Yes	3	14	C. H. Butler	Starkville
Sturgis	6	35	55		Yes		3	J. C. Harrell	Sturgis
Wake Forest	6	15	30		Yes		4	R. E. Hannah	Sturgis
Weir	6	46	50		Yes	4	10	J. N. Franks	Weir
	136	956	1214			19	63		

HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	Place	Introd'y Sermon	Moderator	Clerk
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	C. L. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridg	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1899	Mt. Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Beulah	N. G. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1905	Self Creek	M. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1907	Blythe Creek	H. L. Rhodes	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1908	Mt. Moriah	J. R. Nutt	S. B. Dobbs	S. B. Dobbs
1909	Longview	F. R. Burney	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1910	Bear Creek	J. B. Perry	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1911	Double Spr'gs	R. L. Wallace	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1912	Providence	A. H. Mahaffey	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1913	Wake Forest	H. M. Whitten	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1914	New Zion	M. J. Derrick	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall
1915	Fellowship	T. J. Latimer	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1916	Clear Springs	N. B. Wallace	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1917	Bethlehem	P. S. Rogers	N. B. Wallace	G. D. Weatherall
1918	New Haven	O. C. Cooper	H. M. Whitten	G. D. Weatherall
1919	Self Creek	J. L. Hughes	H. M. Whitten	G. D. Weatherall
1920	Mt. Moriah	P. S. Rogers	H. M. Whitten	G. D. Weatherall

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